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SUBJECT: TRANSIT FACILITIES FOR CUBAN MILITARY FLIGHTS

REF: GEORGETOWN 2172

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED YOUR SUGGESTIONS IN PARA 4 (REFTEL),  
AND ARE ASKING AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMAN TO APPROACH PRESIDENT  
PEREZ.

2. WE ALSO WANT TO PURSUE HIGH-LEVEL PERSONAL MESSAGE  
OPTION AND, UNLESS YOU FEEL SUCH APPROACH TO BE CLEARLY  
COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR OBJECTIVE OF  
DENYING FACILITIES TO CUBAN AIR LIFT, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED  
TO DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM  
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IMMEDIATELY:

3. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: GUYANA AND THE UNITED STATES SHARE A STRONG INTEREST IN THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS IN AFRICA AND IN THIS HEMISPHERE. I AM AWARE THAT YOU ENJOYED A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH MY PREDECESSORS WHICH PERMITTED YOU TO SPEAK FRANKLY. PERMIT ME TO SAY SOMETHING IN THAT SAME CHARACTER WITH RESPECT TO

THE USE BY CUBAN AIRCRAFT OF REFUELING FACILITIES IN GEORGETOWN, FOR PURPOSES OF FERRING TROOP REINFORCEMENTS AND WAR MATERIAL TO THE CUBAN MILITARY UNITS NOW FIGHTING IN ANGOLA.

4. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA ARE ENGAGED IN MASSIVE OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL CONFLICT IN ANGOLA. CUBA HAS SENT SOME 4,000 TO 6,000 TROOPS. THOSE CUBAN TROOPS ARE DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN HOSTILITIES AGAINST AFRICANS IN ANGOLA. I APPEAL TO YOU TO INSURE THAT GUAYANA NOT LEND ITS COOPERATION AND SUPPORT TO THAT EFFORT OF EXTERNAL INTERVENTION IN AFRICA.

5. WE IN THIS COUNTRY ARE AWARE OF YOUR LONG-STANDING INTEREST IN THE PROCESS OF INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION IN AFRICA. I BELIEVE YOU WOULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THIS PROCESS BY DENYING YOUR FACILITIES TO THIS CUBAN INTERVENTION. WARM REGARDS,  
HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT.

6. WHEN MESSAGE DELIVERED, GEORGETOWN SHOULD SO ADVISE USLO PEKING. FOR USLO PEKING: YOU SHOULD CONTINUE SEEK PRC COOPERATION ON THIS MATTER AND MAY INFORM IT OF SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO BURNHAM. KISSINGER

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